

## *Obituary*

✠ **Rev. John Bertrand Kelly, O. P.** ✠

On Monday, March 16, 1925, at St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J., death took Rev. John Bertrand Kelly, O. P., from the priestly ranks of St. Joseph's Province. He had been ill for the past two years and during the last year complications set in which demanded heroic patience and firm resignation in accepting the decree of the Divine Will.

Father Kelly was born in Louisville, Ky., August 4, 1874. He entered the novitiate of the Order of Preachers at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., when he was fifteen years of age and there made his profession September 14th, 1890. The prescribed course of studies was completed at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, then the House of Studies, and he was ordained to the priesthood on March 12, 1897, by the late Bishop Watterson. From this time until the year 1913, Father Kelly was assigned to the Dominican parishes of St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn., St. Mary's, New Haven, Conn., St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky., and St. Antoninus', Newark, N. J. From the year 1913 until the time of his death, he performed his priestly labors in the parishes of the Holy Name, Kansas City, Mo., Holy Rosary, Houston, Tex., St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City, St. Patrick's, Columbus, Ohio, and Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The deceased Father was an eloquent and forceful preacher. His zeal in the quest for the salvation of souls was characterized by a true priestly spirit, which won for him the love and confidence of those among whom he worked.

On Friday, March 20th, his funeral took place from the Church of St. Antoninus, Newark, N. J. The Provincial, Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., was celebrant of the solemn requiem Mass. The body was then sent to St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., where another solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Provincial. Rev. J. A. Jordan, O. P., was deacon and Very Rev. J. S. Wilburn, O. P., Prior of St. Rose, subdeacon. Interment was made at St. Rose cemetery. R. I. P.